

HB 297 -- DENTAL HYGIENISTS

SPONSOR: Lichtenegger

This bill allows a dental hygienist to enter into an extended access agreement with a dentist in order to provide dental hygiene services without the direct supervision of the dentist. The dental hygienist can then perform certain services anywhere outside of the dental office so long as it is within a 60 mile radius. In order to enter into an extended access agreement, the dental hygienist must have practiced 2,000 hours within the previous five years, obtained a permit from the Missouri Dental Board, taken an additional six hours of continuing education, and be covered under his or her own professional liability insurance. The dental hygienist must also require all patients he or she treats under the extended access agreement to be examined by the dentist within one year.